

# **$^{139}\text{La}$ polarized target study for NOPTREX**

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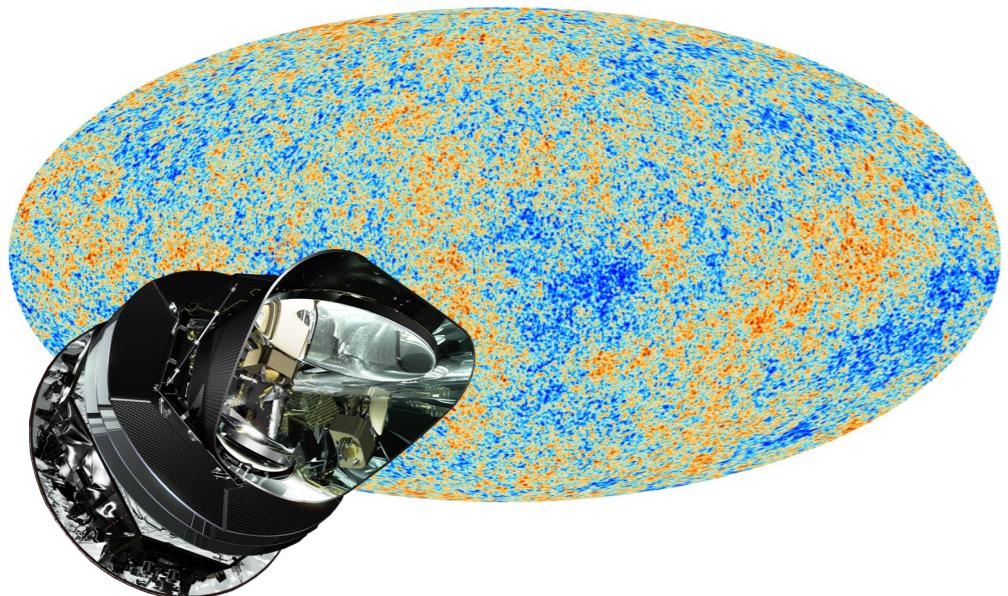


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**NoPTREX**  
Neutron Optical Parity and Time-Reversal Experiment

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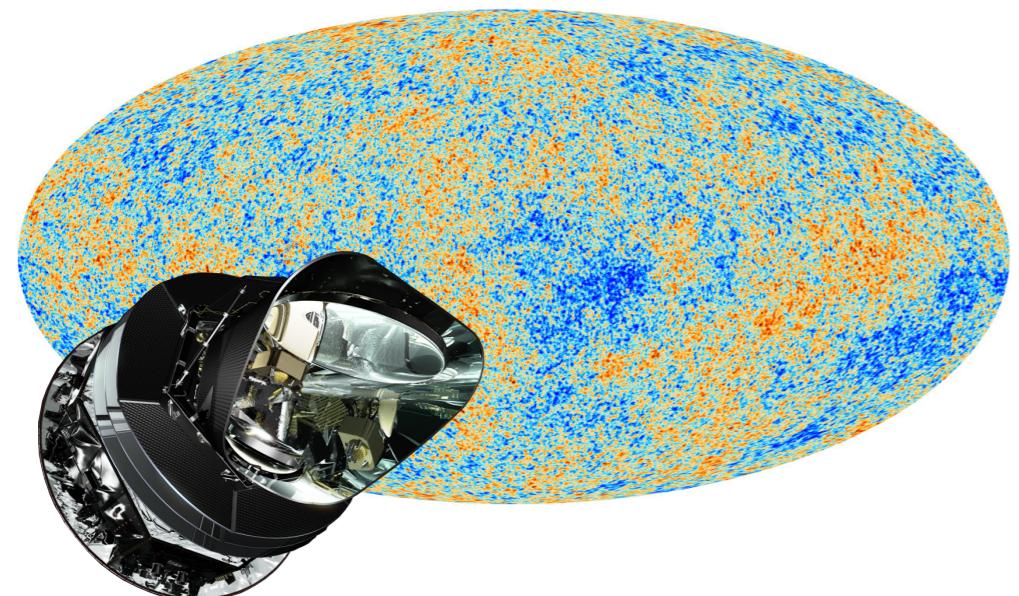


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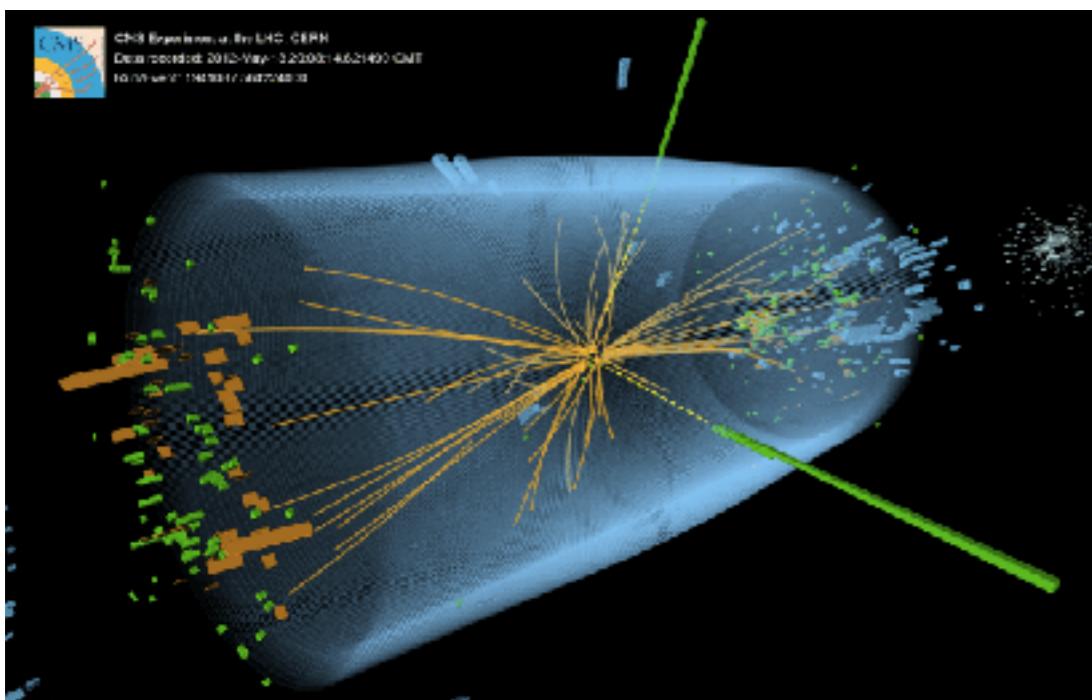
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These approaches have the discrepancy of  $\sim 10^{-9}$  in the asymmetry of the amount of baryon and antibaryon.

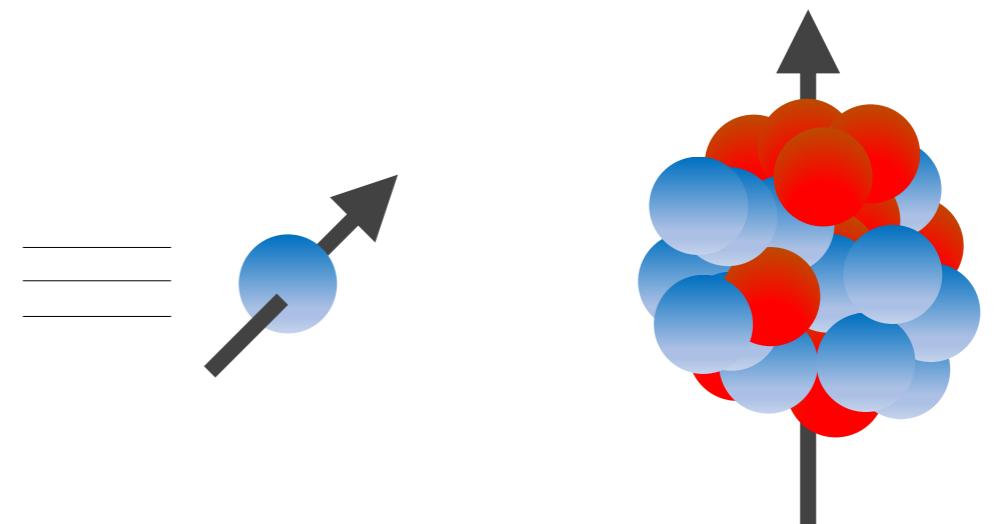
(M. Peskin, 2002, Nature, 419, and therein.)

# Approaches toward the new particle physics

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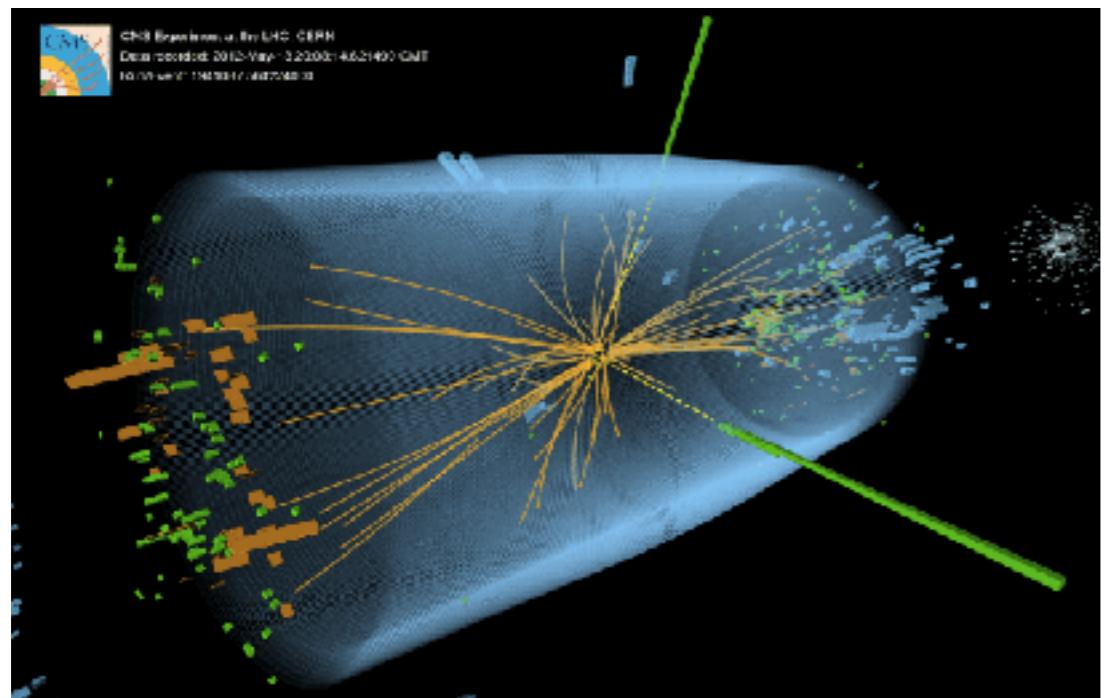


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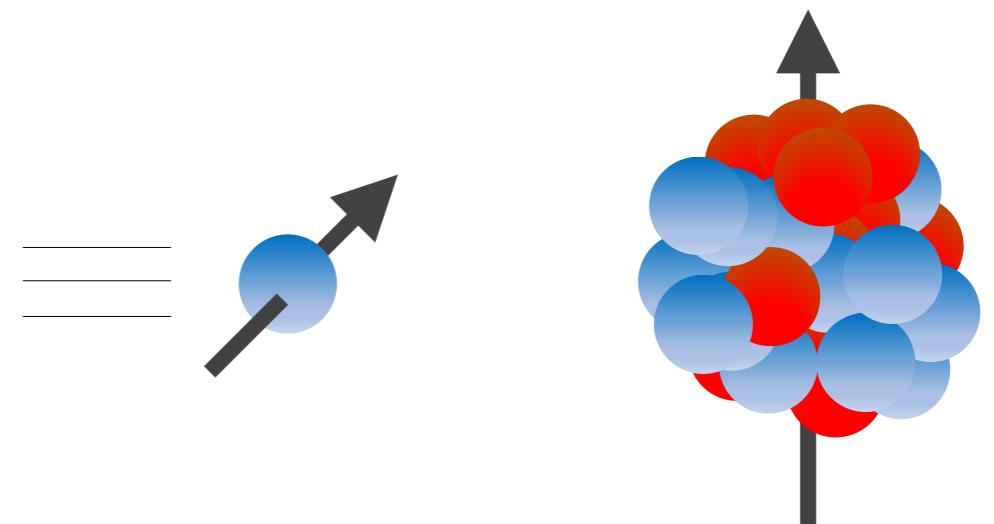
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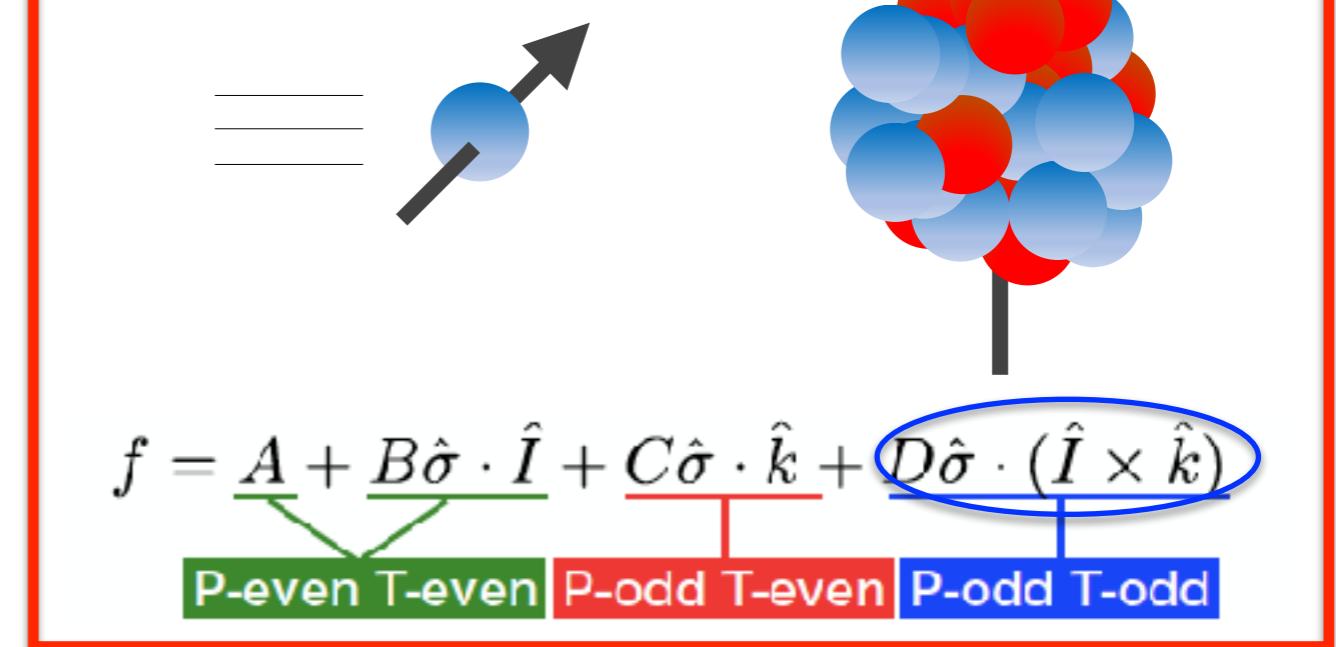
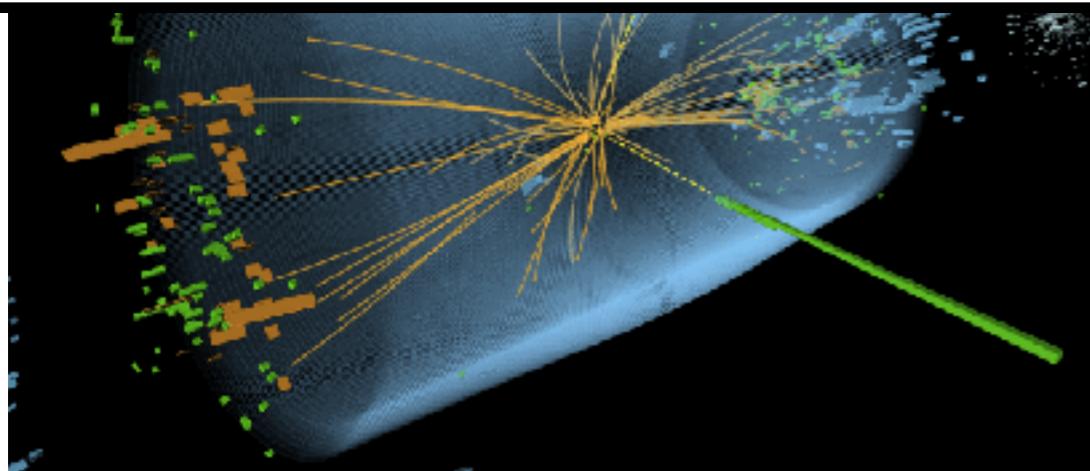


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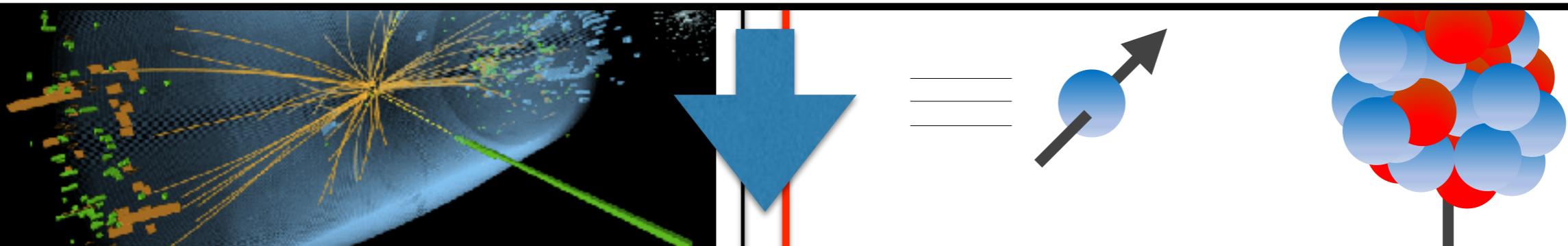
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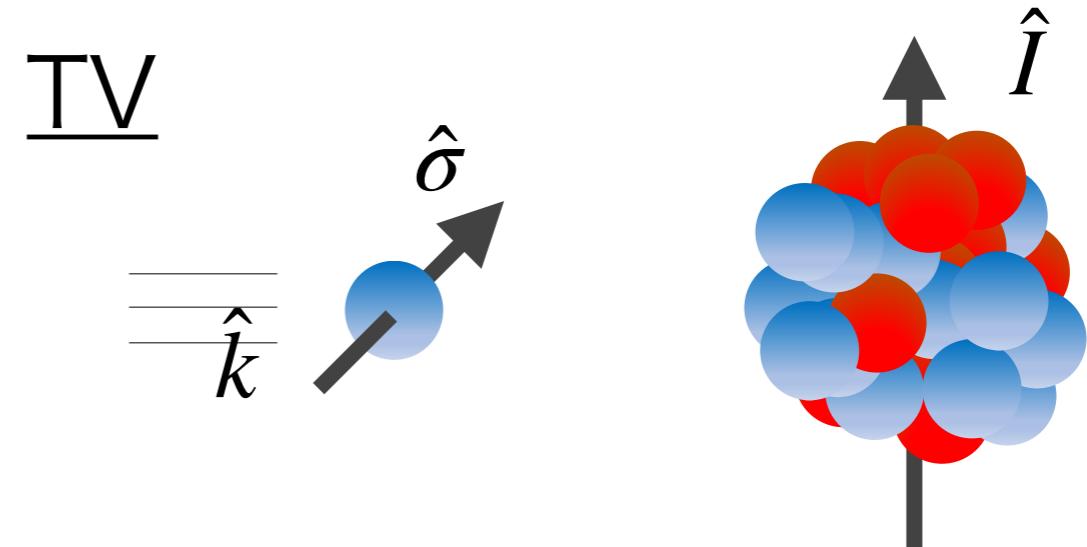
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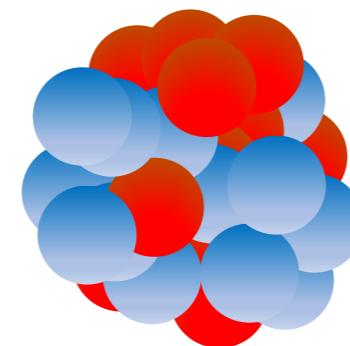
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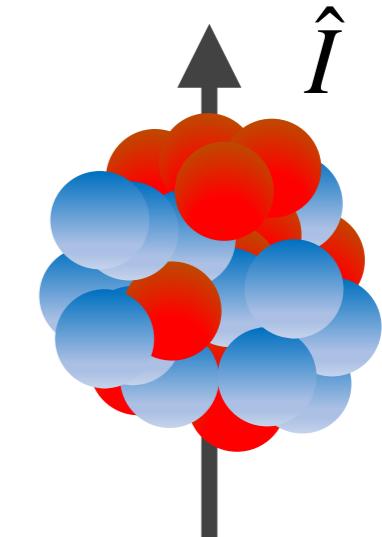
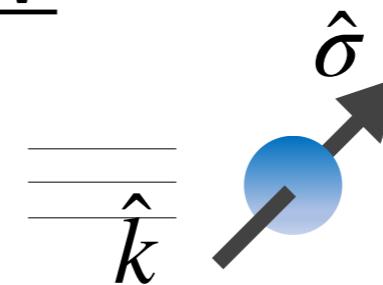
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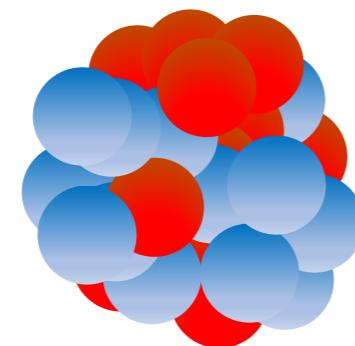
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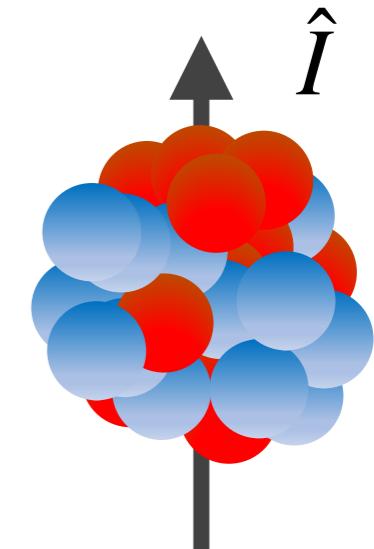
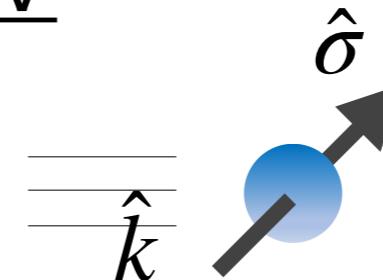
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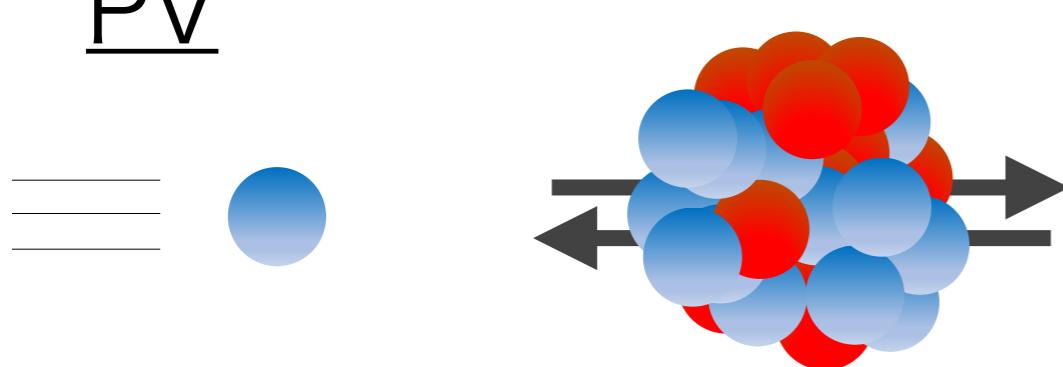
The T-violation  
can be also enhanced!!  
(T. Okudaira, et. al., 2018 )

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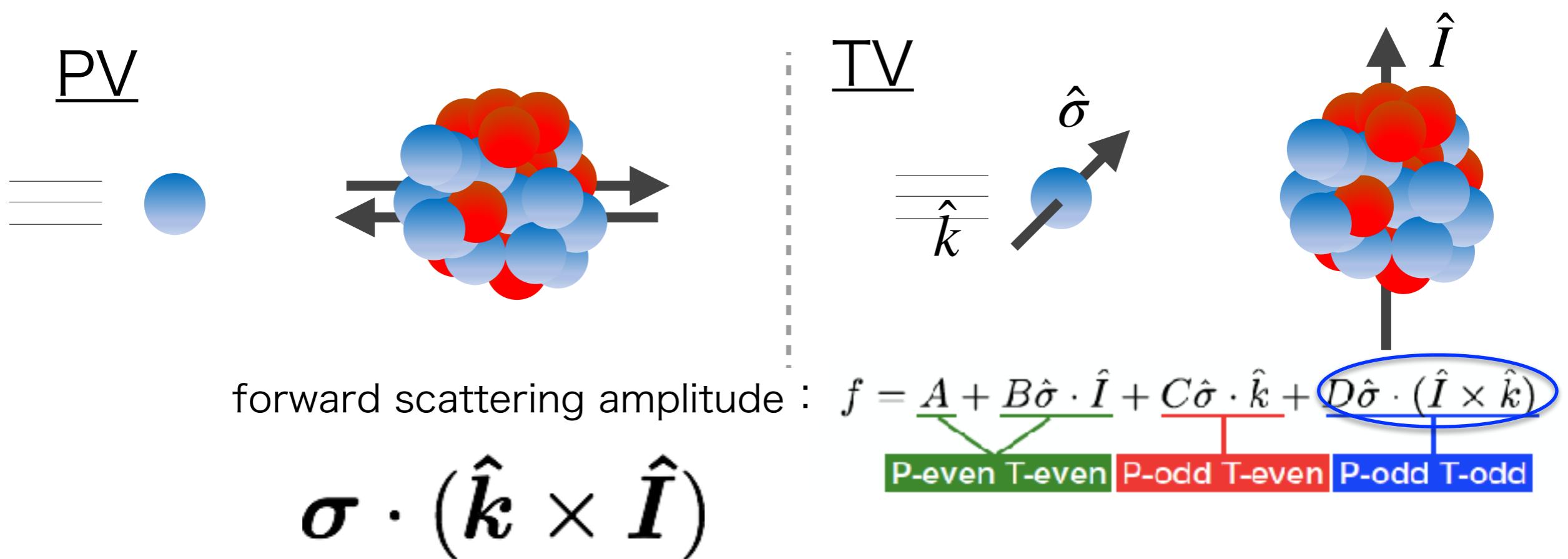
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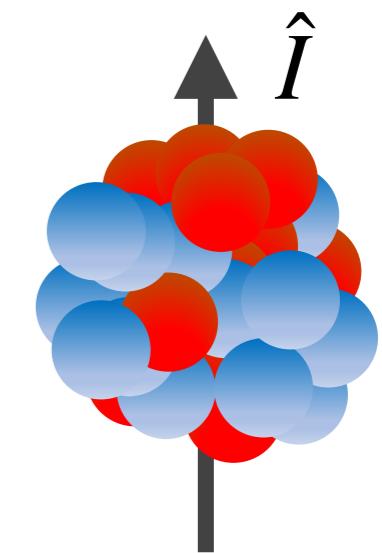
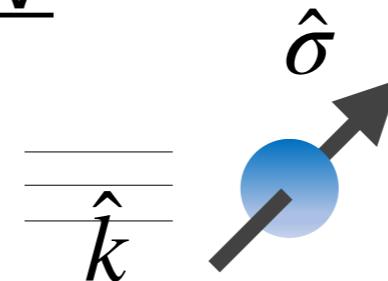
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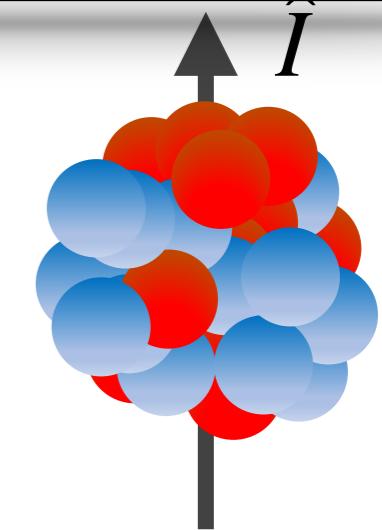
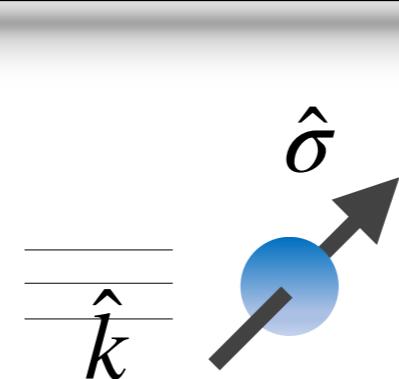
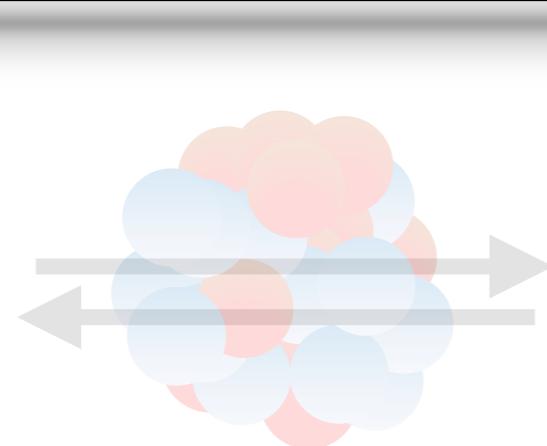
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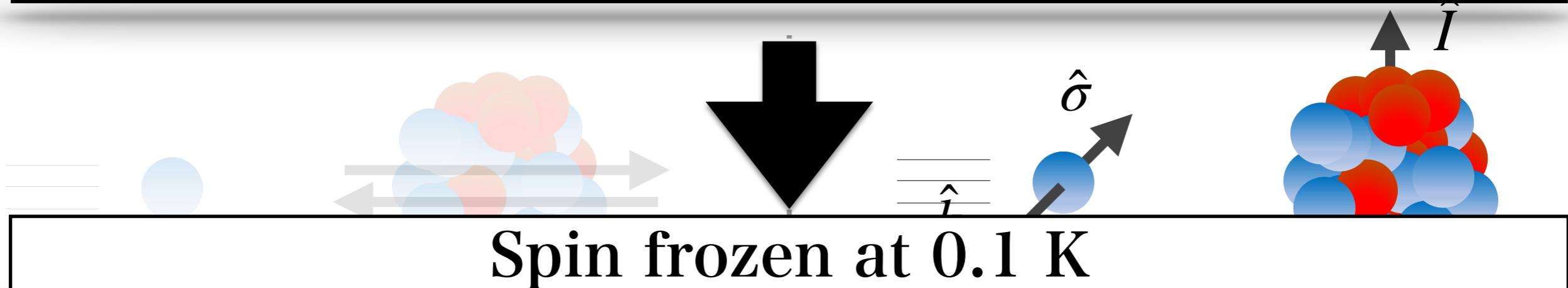
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NOPTREX is studying both method.

However, I'm concentrating on the topic on the DNP.



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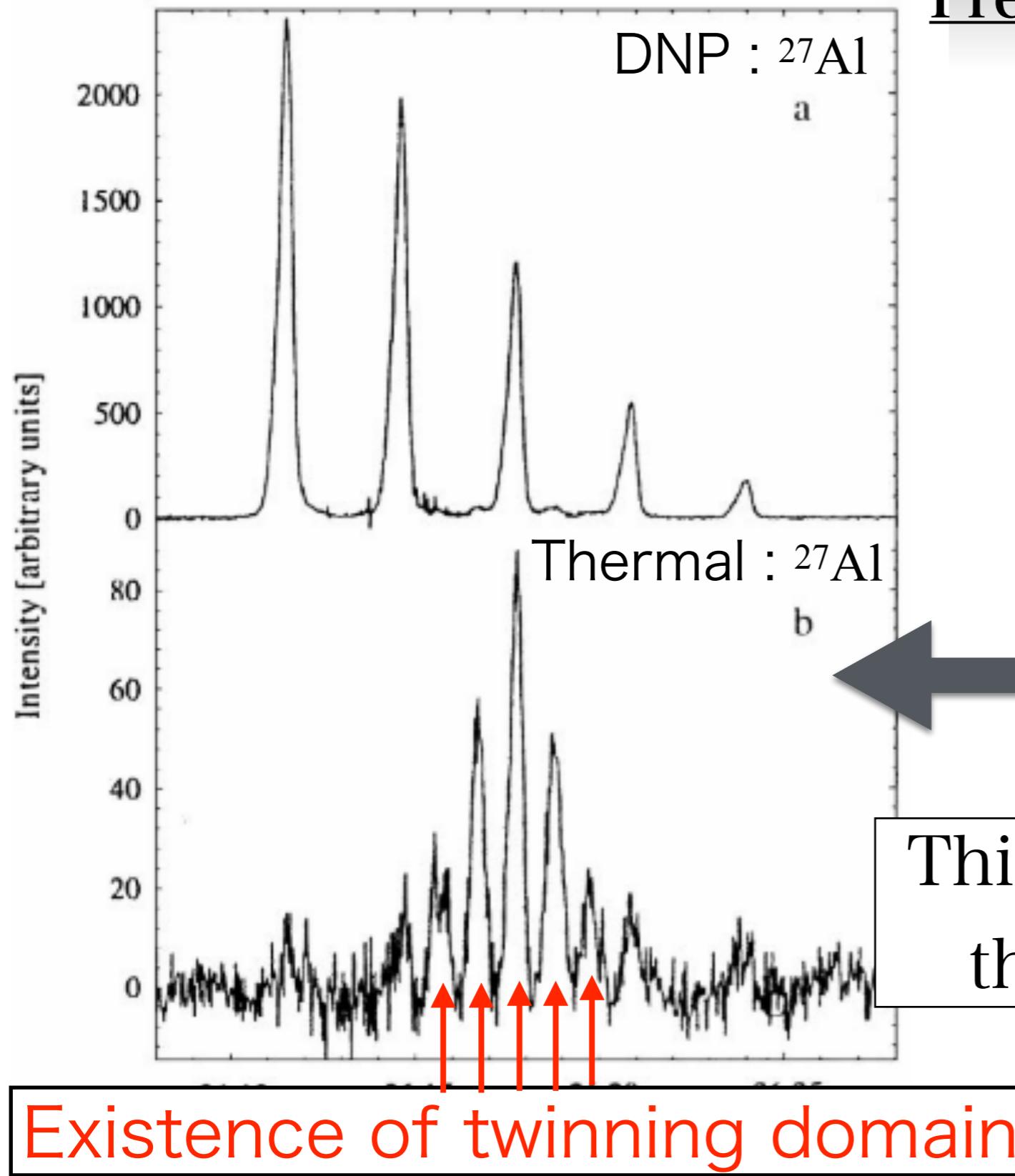
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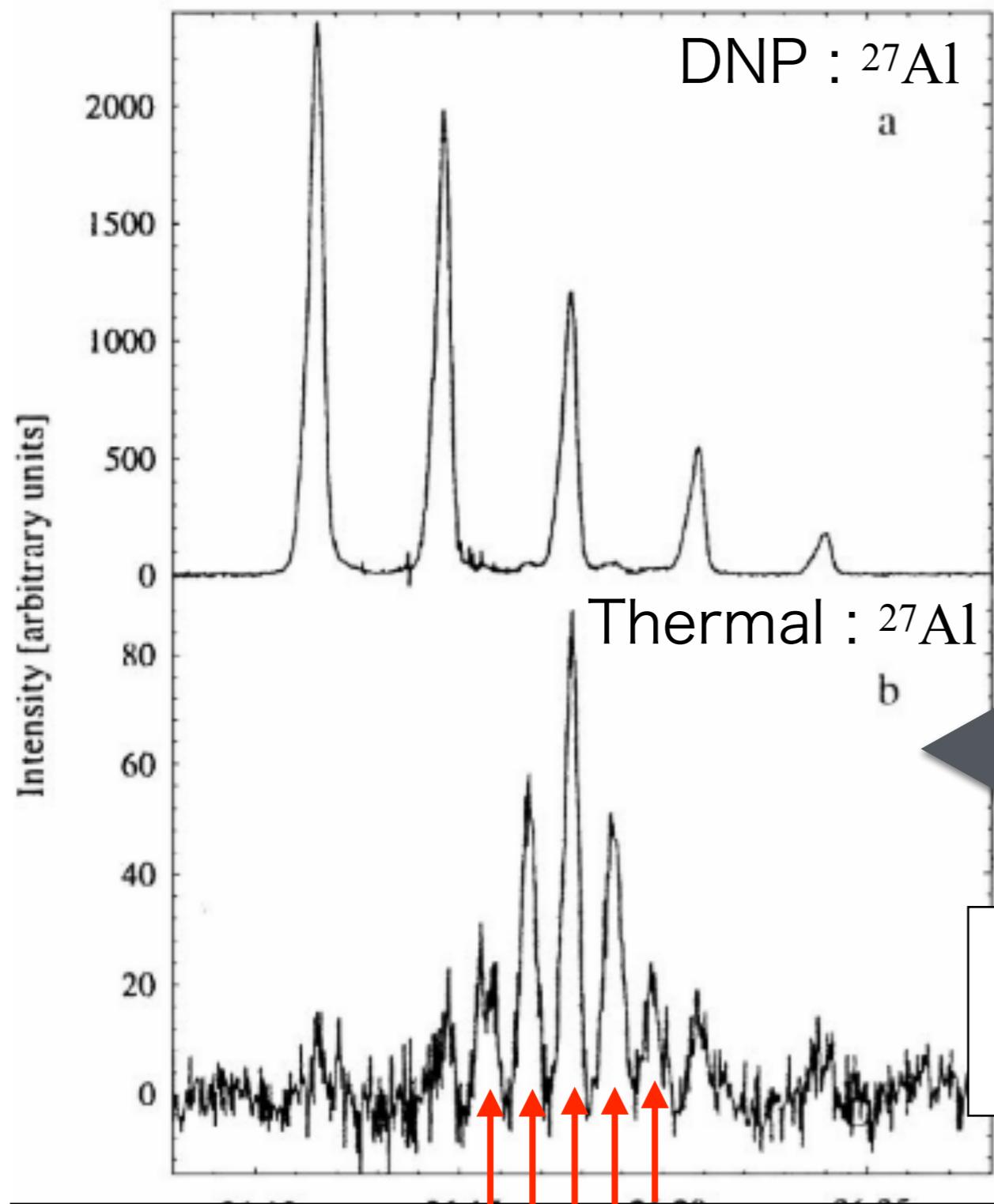


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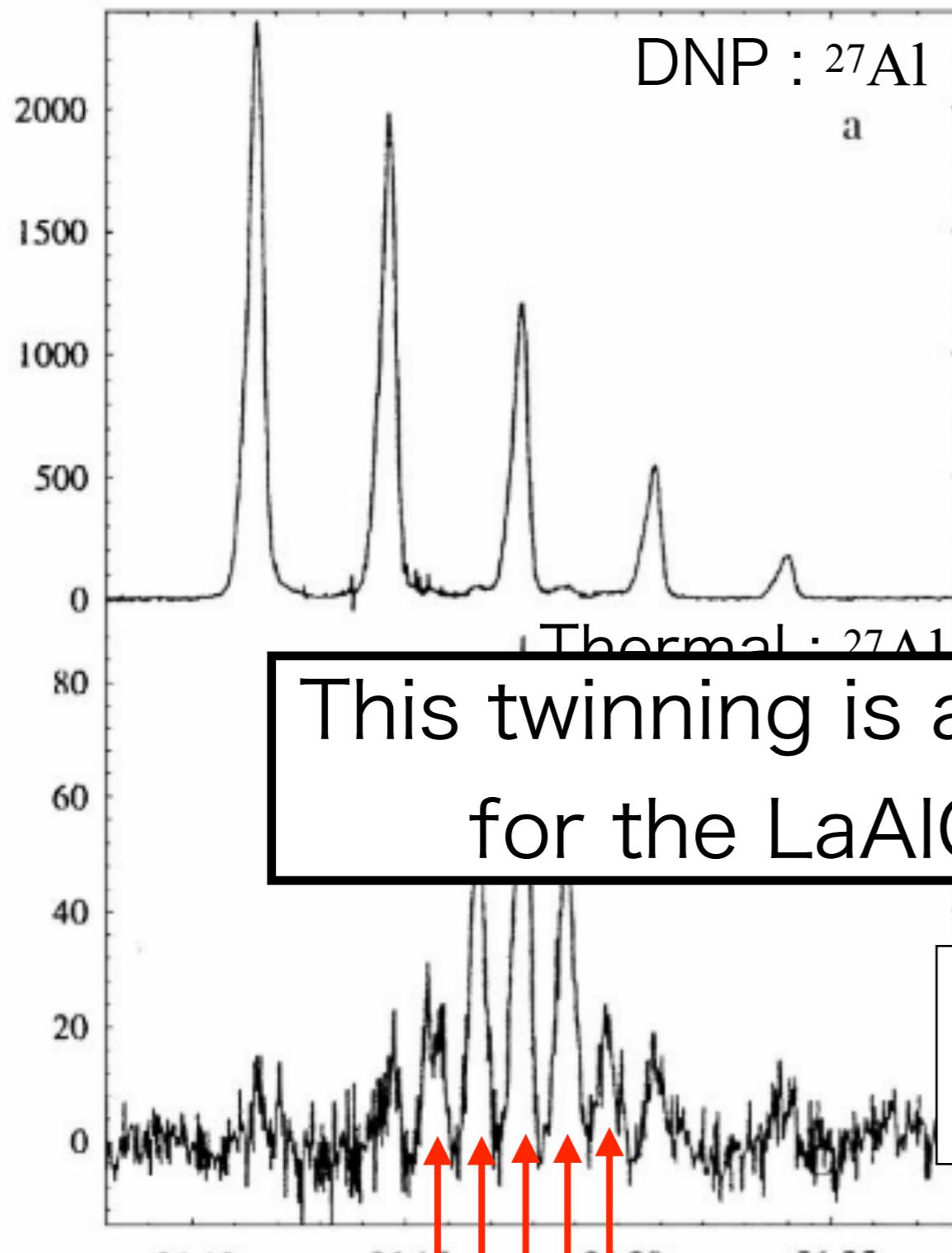
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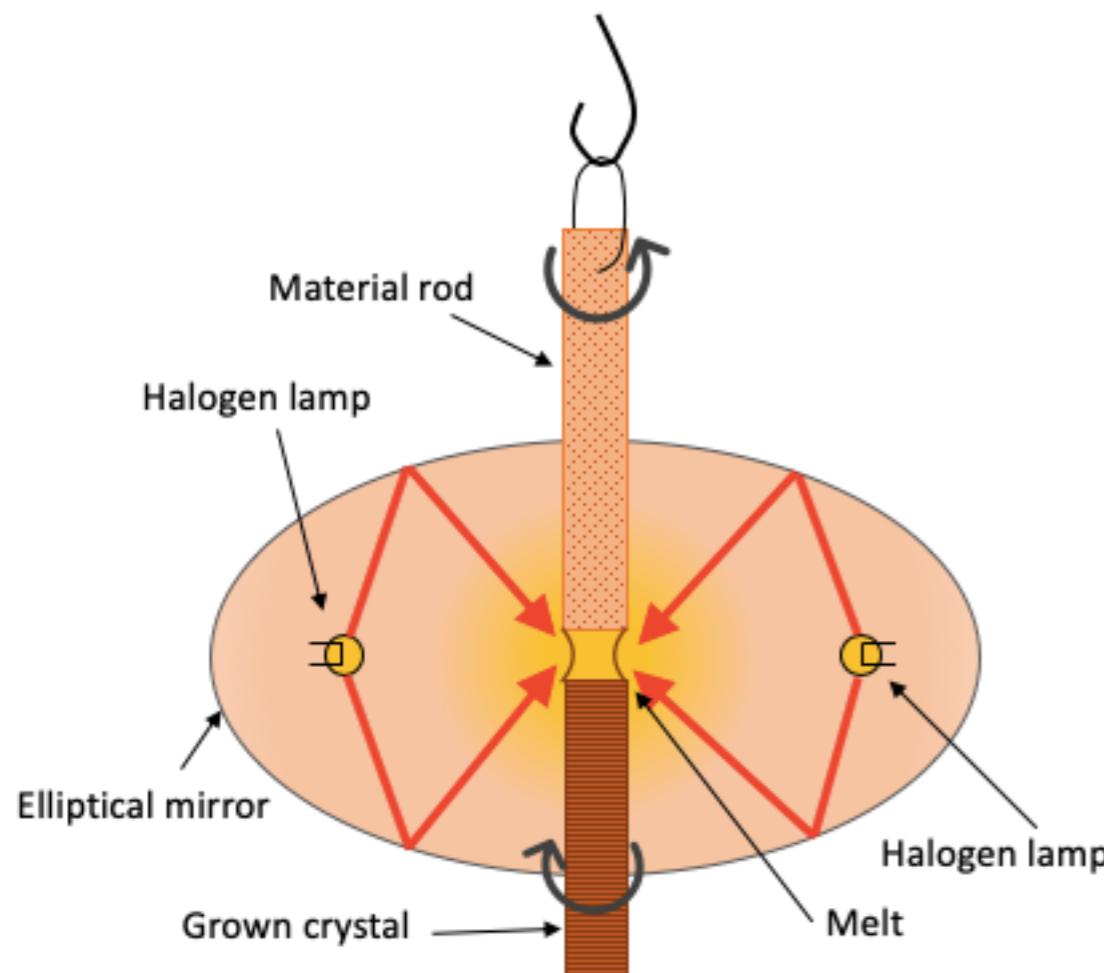
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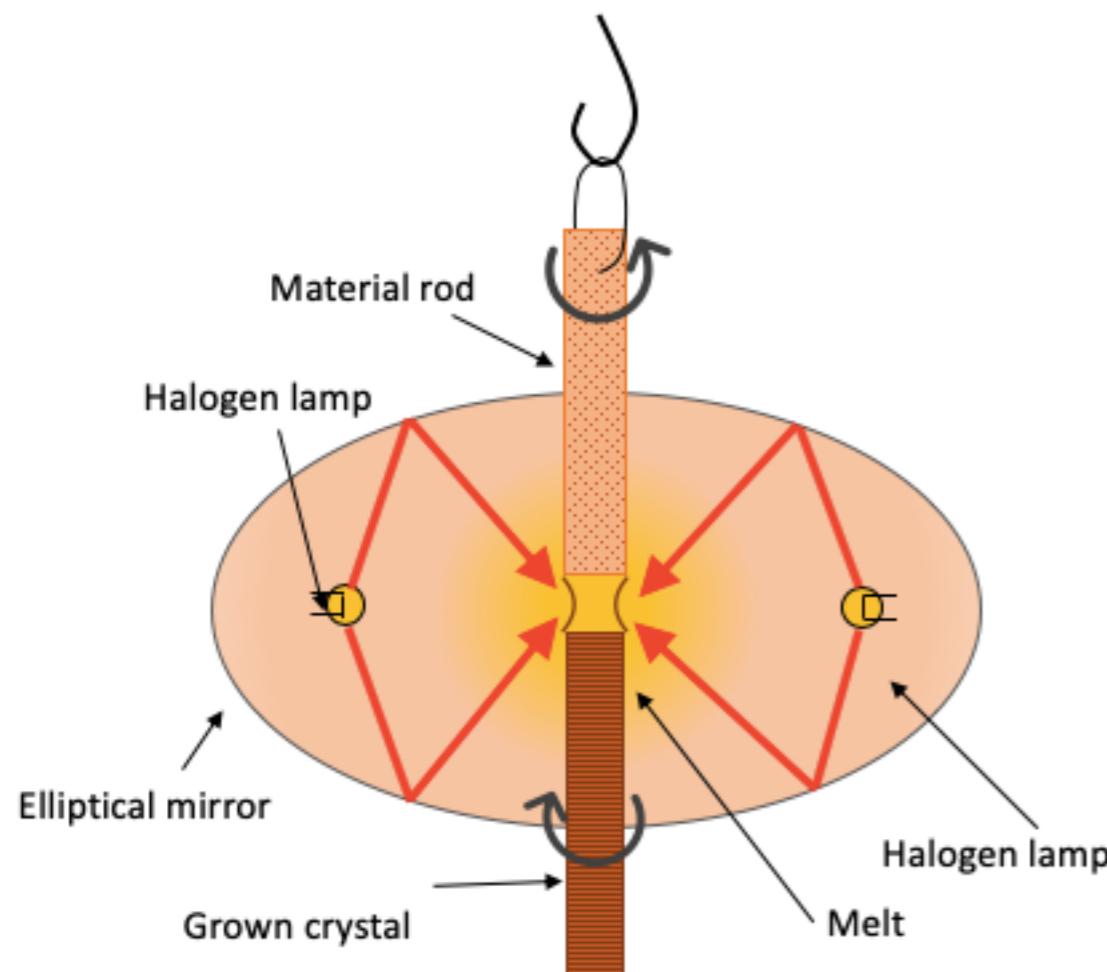
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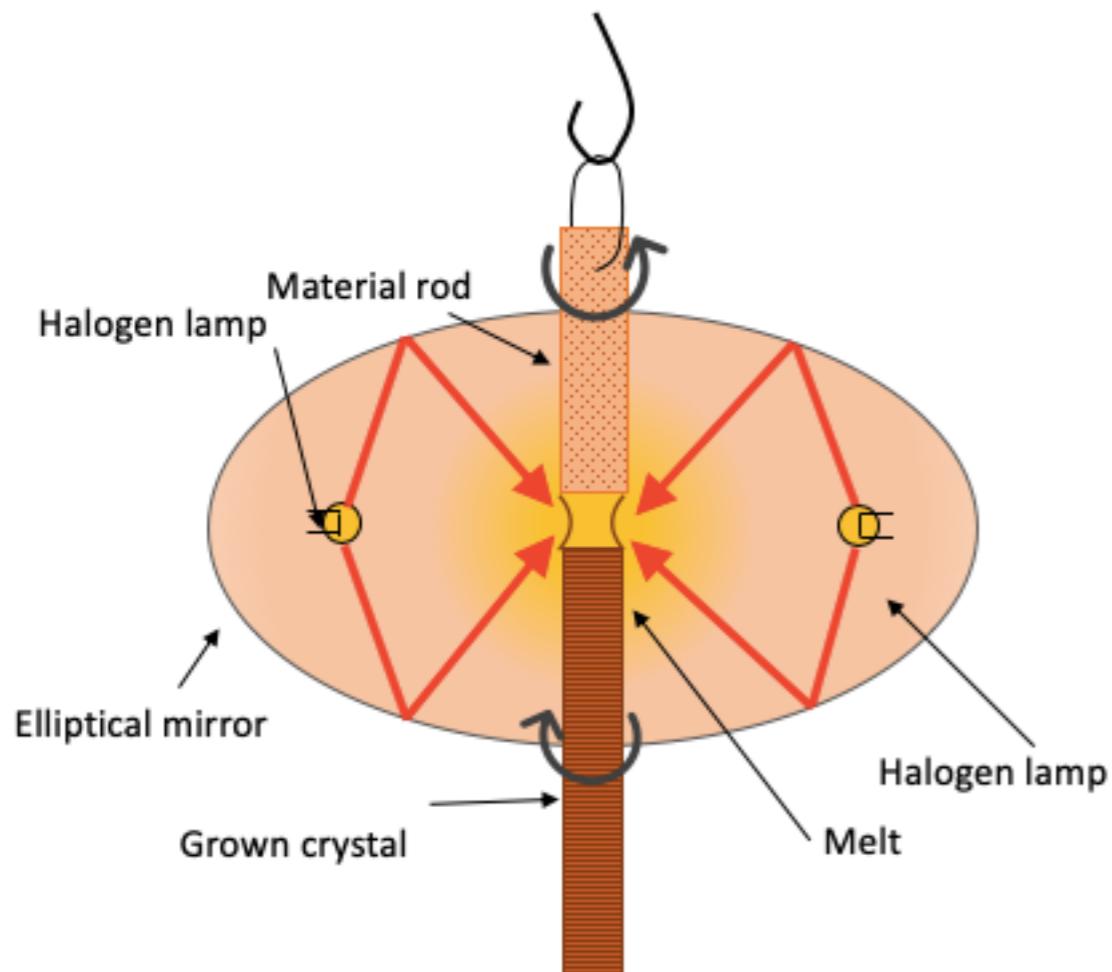
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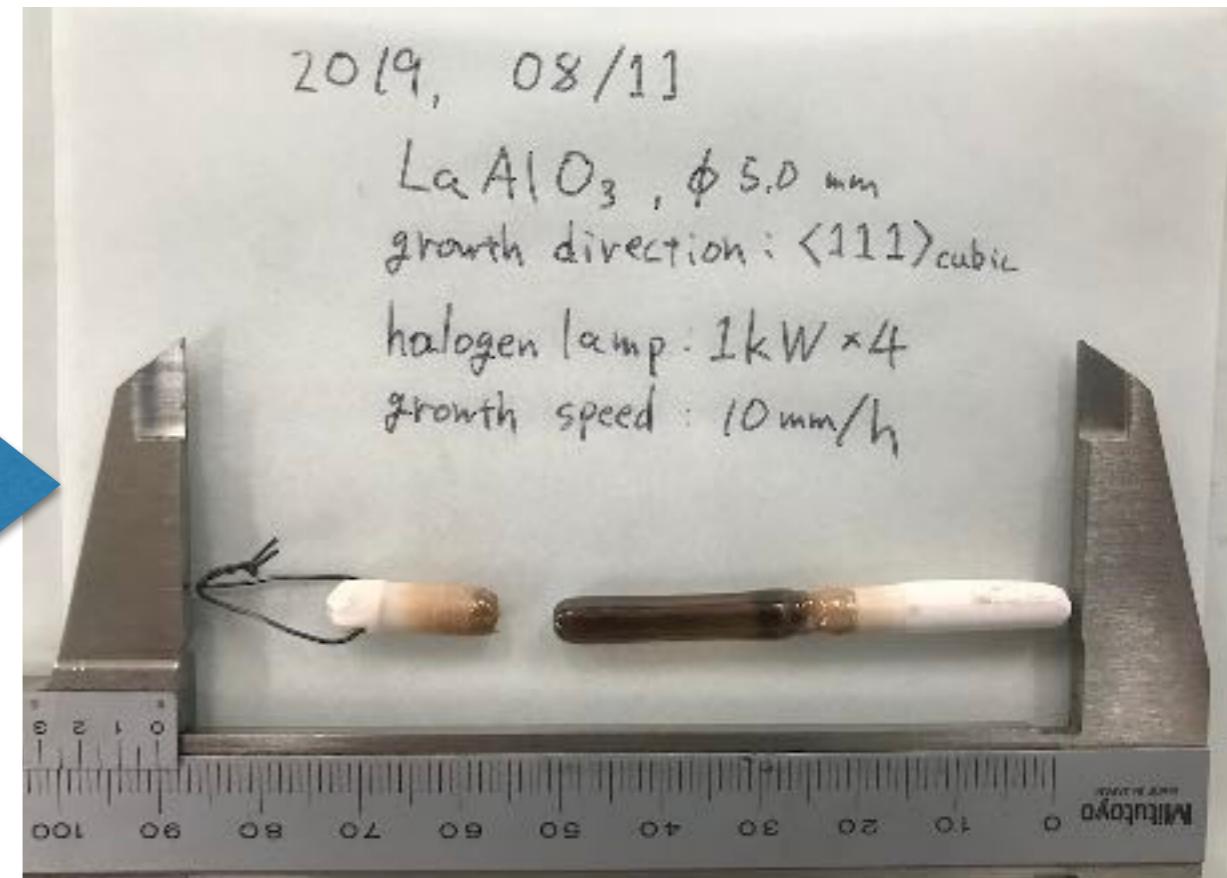
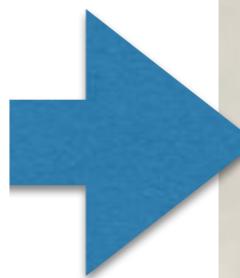
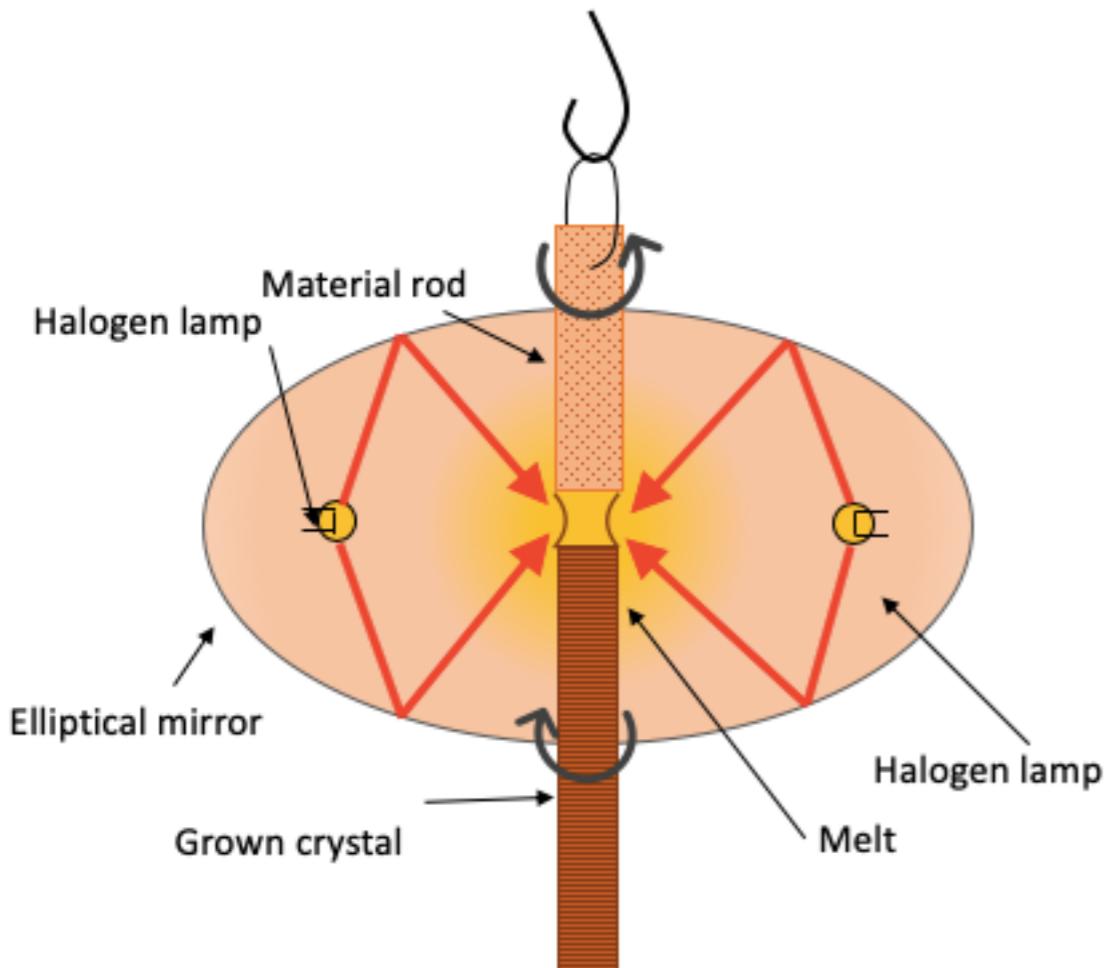
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# Polarization experiments @RCNP

Preparing for the DNP cryostat and T1 measurement has been started.

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RCNP project

(Development of polarized target for new physics search via T-violation)

Thermal NMR measurement



Preparing the Cryostat for DNP



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## Summary

- \* The T-violation search in the neutron capture by  $^{139}\text{La}$  is a good probe for the unknown CP-violation.
- \* LaAlO<sub>3</sub> crystal is a candidate for  $^{139}\text{La}$  DNP target.
- \* Some project have been started recently to develop the polarized  $^{139}\text{La}$  target for T-violation search.

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